

REMARKS

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed in the application on July 7, 2004. Claims 1-22 are pending. Claim 11 has been amended and claims 1-10 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Examiner has objected to applicant's title as not being descriptive. Applicant has amended the title to "VIEWFINDER DEVICE INCLUDING FIRST AND SECOND PRISMS TO REFLECT LIGHT FROM OUTSIDE THE VIEWING AREA." Applicant submits the amended title is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed, obviating the Examiner's objection thereto.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 11 because of certain informalities noted. Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and has amended claim 11 to correct the informalities noted, as required by the Examiner. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected applicant's claims 1 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Matui (U.S. Patent No. 3,952,321). The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matui, and has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matui in view of Watanabe (U.S. Patent No. 5,701,203). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-10 and 21, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejections as moot.

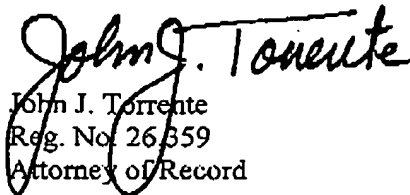
The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 11-20 and 22 are directed to allowable subject matter and has indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. In view of applicant's amendment of claim 11, applicant's claims 11-20 and 22 are therefore submitted as patentable. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application, a request is made that the Examiner telephone applicant's counsel at (212) 790-9200.

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Respectfully submitted,

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